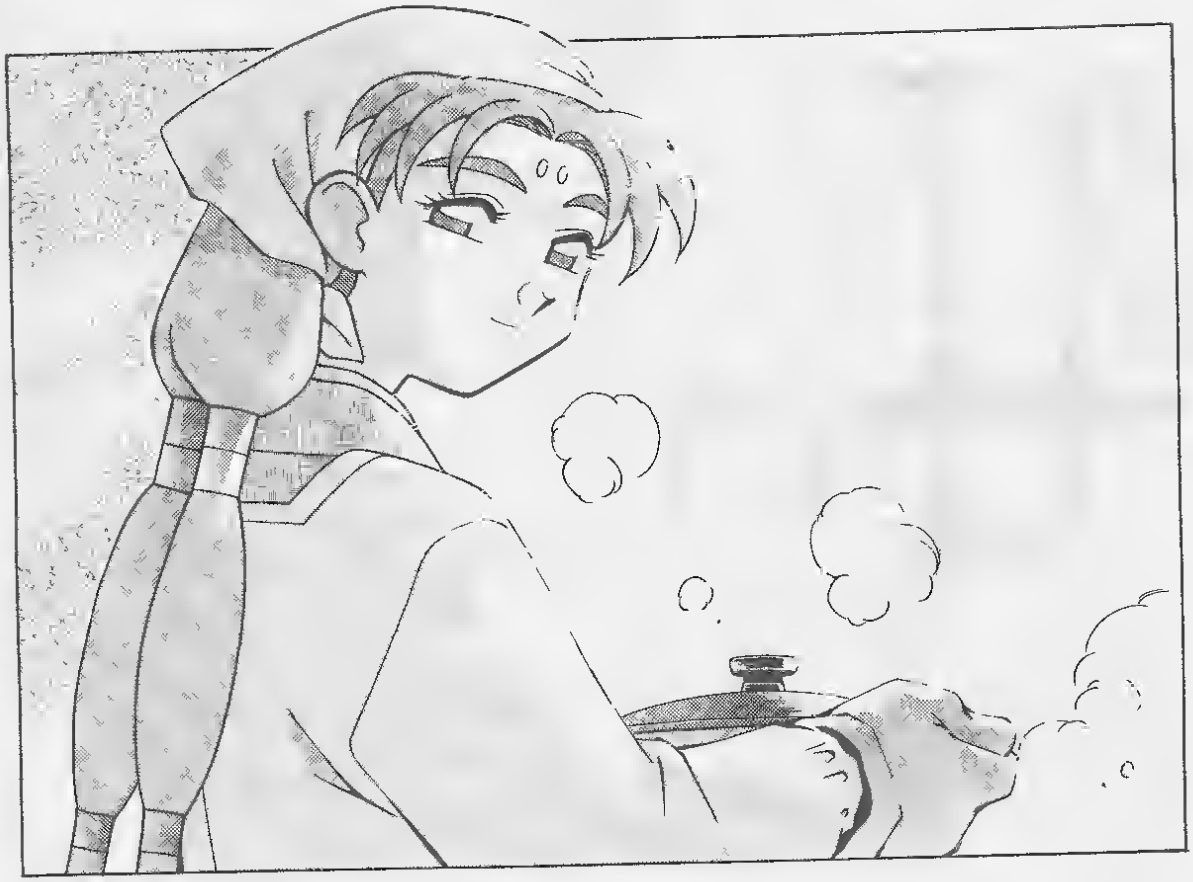
AND THE GRADE SCHOOL COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP HAS STARTED! FIRST UP IS THE "DISHWASHING RACE"--A BRAND NEW EVENT FOR US!
OUR COMMENTARY, AS YOU KNOW, IS BY MASTER CHEF HATTARI. SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS MATCH?
WILL HE PULL OFF A THIRD WIN IN A ROW-- A FEAT UNEQUALED? I THINK IT COULD HAPPEN!
THE ONE TO WATCH IS DEFINITELY THE CURRENT CHAMPION FOR TWO YEARS RUNNING, KAGATO KAZUMA.
OH, SASAMI ...GOOD LUCK!
HMPH. WASHING DISHES-- SO... BASIC.
WE DIDN'T TRAIN HIM AS A DISH BOY!
GOOD LUCK, YOUNG MASTER!



Tales of Tenchi #5:

THE BLAME GAME

SKURRK
.....
WH--WHAT'S WRONG ...? IS SHE OKAY?
.....
SASAMI...
!!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'M GOING TO TO DO MY BEST.
...NO.
THAT'S WHAT I DECIDED...
I CAN'T SLACK OFF HERE.
WHA ...!
WHAT SPEED!
I CAN EVEN SEE THE SOUND EFFECT ...!
fwish fwash fwish fwash

OF COURSE, THE BRATTY GIRL *HAS* PROVEN HERSELF QUITE FORMIDABLE. I SAW THE TAPE-- HER *MAN HAN CHUAN SHI* WAS A *SPLENDID* BUFFET.
IF *ANYONE* COULD PREVENT KAZUMA'S THIRD VICTORY, IT WOULD BE *HER.*
OF COURSE, IF SHE'S DOING TOO WELL...
...I MIGHT-- *INTER-VENE!*
THE FIVE WHO WASH THE MOST DISHES IN THIS TWENTY MINUTE EVENT WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ROUND.
IT'S NOT GOING WELL FOR OUR YOUNG COMPETITORS! LET'S CHECK IN ON THE CHINESE BUFFET GIRL, CONTESTANT MASAKI...
shwee!
EWW! SLIMY AND ICKY!
MOMMEEEE!
WASH
OH, MY-- SHE'S *VERY* FAST!
finish
THE *TECHNIQUE* IS THAT OF AN AMATEUR, BUT SHE *DOES* MAKE IT UP IN *SPEED!*
I--I KNOW THIS IS A HOPELESS REQUEST...
...BUT PLEASE LET THE YOUNG MASTER WIN.

BEGINNING
TIME'S UP!
-=PHEW!=-
FOR A FIRST TIME EVENT, THERE SURE WERE A LOT OF HIGHLIGHTS.
DID I WIN?
AND OUR FIVE SEMI-FINALISTS ARE...
KONNO HITOSHI, 87 PLATES. YOKOYAMA KAZUHIKO, 80 PLATES.
Hee
ASARI TASUKU, A WHOPPING 131 PLATES! AMAZING!
ALRIGHT!
OOH! KAGATO WITH-- 197 PLATES?! THAT'S EVEN MORE AMAZING!
BONK!
BUT WAIT! TH--THERE'S SOMEONE WHO HAS SURPASSED EVEN KAGATO-KUN!
COULD IT BE?!
ONE OF OUR YOUNG CHEFS CLEANED ALL 202 PLATES!

BUT I CAN'T LOSE! I CAN'T!
flip flip flip
OOOOH
HE'S A BLUR ...
W-- WOW!
I HAVE TO WIN...!
SPLOSH
TUP TUP TUP TUP TUP
DAD'S GOING TO KNOW HOW GREAT I REALLY AM!
SQUEAKY SQUEAKY!
A SPLENDID JOB BY KAGATO! WILL HE TAKE THE LEAD?!
IT DOES LOOK THAT WAY.
BUT TIME IS RUNNING SHORT!
FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE...

SWISH
WOULD THE FIVE SEMI-FINALISTS PLEASE FOLLOW THE STAGE-HANDS...
OUR NEXT COMPETITION IS A COOKING QUIZ. GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE!
TMP
TMP
NICE WORK!
OH--MR. KAGATO. YOUR SON IS SPLENDID.
THE MOMENT OF TRUTH IS YET TO COME.
MASAKI SASAMI
NO MATTER WHAT THE FINAL CONTEST'S COOKING THEME, THE INGREDIENT SURE TO BE USED IS...
THIS!
HE COULDN'T HAVE ...!
FINISH

MASAKI SASAMI -CHAN!
oooooo
W-- WOW!
SHE DID IT! SASAMI, YOU'RE AMAZING!
YAY! YAY!
HMM!
I'VE BEEN IN THIS INDUSTRY FOR TWENTY YEARS, AND THE WAY SHE WASHES... SHE'S NO AMATEUR!
THERE'S NO CHOICE...
fsh
I HATE TO PLAN FOR KAZUMA'S LOSS...
...BUT BETTER TO CHEAT THAN TO LOSE!

WHAM!
BUZZING
YES, KAGATO-KUN WAS FIRST!
SHOTTSURU FROM AKITA PREFECTURE, ISHIRU FROM NOTO PENINSULA, AND DRIED FERMENTED MACKEREL JUICE FROM HACHIJO ISLAND...
AND ONLY DRIED FERMENTED MACKEREL JUICE HAS LIVE MICRO-ORGANISMS!
DINGDING
SPLENDID! THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT!
UNBE-LIEV-ABLE.
YEAH, I'M SURPRISED HE KNEW THAT--EVEN WITH HIS DAD'S RESTAURANT.
DINGDING
NO, I MEAN THAT GIRL--SASAMI.
DINGDING
HUH?
THE BOYS WHO REMAINED FOR THE FINALS ARE BOTH ELEVEN YEARS OLD, BUT SHE'S EIGHT...
DO YOU SEE?
THE CONTESTANTS LEFT FOR THE FINAL ROUND ARE ASARI-KUN AT 80 POINTS, MASAKI-SAN AT 230 POINTS, AND KAGATO-KUN AT 240 POINTS.
WOW!
UH, UM ...NOT REALLY.
THREE YEARS BETWEEN CHILDREN IS FAR MORE CRUCIAL THAN THE SAME AGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADULTS.
I--I SEE...

HEY, WASHU-- THE SEMI-FINALS HALL IS THIS WAY.
SWAG

TH-- THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS...
OH I GET IT! I'M SORRY.
YOU WANTED THE LADIES' ROOM, RIGHT? I'LL GO WITH YOU.
NOOOOOOOO!!
DRAG DRAG DRAG

AND NOW THE FINAL QUES-TION!

FISH SAUCES HAVE BECOME POPULAR LATELY! NAM PLA OF THAILAND IS FAMOUS, BUT ONLY ONE OF THE THREE GREAT FISH SAUCES IN JAPAN CONTAINS LIVE MICROORGANISMS.
NAME ALL THREE FISH SAUCES AND THIS SPECIAL SAUCE!
230
220
Viva with Cooking!

HYAH!
SKRK
SKRK
THEY'RE BOTH AMAZING.
HMM?
SNUFF
POP!
MREOW!

EVEN SO, SHE COULD CARE LESS ABOUT SUCH A HANDICAP ...HEH, HEH, HEH.
SASAMI...
YOU'RE MORE THAN I EXPECTED!
AND NOW FOR THE FINAL ROUND!
WE'VE SPUN THE WHEEL OF COOKING FORTUNE, AND THE THEME IS... STIR-FRIED VEGETABLES!
YOU HAVE TWO HOURS! BEGIN!!
STUFFED CUCUMBERS
COD POT AU FEU

SUCH A SERIOUS EXPRES-SION...
!
NO...
HE DIDN'T CHEAT...! HE WOULD NEVER!
.....
phew!
I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT KAGATO, BUT SHE'S SOMEONE TO WATCH FOR TOO...
THIS IS CRAZY!
IF I LOSE TO AN 8-YEAR-OLD GIRL, MY CLASSMATES WILL LAUGH THEMSELVES SILLY!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL HAVE TO DO MY BEST TOO!

IS ANY-THING WRONG, MASAKI?
OOOH! N-- NO!
NOTHI-I-I-I-NG!
BAD RYO-CHAN.
BE A GOOD GIRL AND STAY QUIET 'TILL IT'S OVER.
MEWRR
KRUCH
?!
WHAT?
WHAT ABOUT THE CARROT?
NO! IT CAN'T BE...!
OR... COULD IT BE?!

RYOKO!!
LEAVE THIS TO ME AND GO DO YOUR JOB.
GRRRR
GRRRR
YUP
I--IF YOU SAY SO!
OKAY, HURRY BACK TO YOUR WORK STATION.
O--OKAY.
DAMN HIM! HE DID IT ON PURPOSE, TOO...
OH, NO!
M...
MY KNIFE ...

FWIP!
OOPS!!
YEEK!!
SWISH!
OH, NO!
SASAMI!
A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT! CONTESTANTS ASARI AND MASAKI HAVE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER-- AND THEY'VE FALLEN!
HEH! HER KNIFE BLADE'S BEEN CHIPPED!
!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I--I'M FINE. AT LEAST I THINK SO.
TOOM

TINK
THERE... YOU SEE? ♡
BACK TO WORK! ♡
R-- RYOKO ... THANKS.
GAH!
ALL RIGHT, YOU KIDS-- BACK TO YOUR STATIONS.
WAS THAT MAGIC ?!
WH-- WHAT'S WITH THAT WOMAN?!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
OKAY!

THAT WAS A MEAN TRICK! APOLOGIZE TO HER!
I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE-- REALLY, I DIDN'T.
LIAR! I SAW YOU SMILE AFTER HER KNIFE GOT CHIPPED!
THAT FOOL! CAN'T HE LET IT BE...?
CHIEF ...
OKAY, THAT'S IT! ♡
PING!
HUH ?!
H-- HEY!
RYOKO!!
DON'T WORRY...I'M JUST GOING TO SHOW THEM THAT A LITTLE ACCIDENT ISN'T ENOUGH TO AFFECT THE MATCH.

mumma
yamma
mumma
yamma
HARD TO BELIEVE THEY'RE ONLY GRADE SCHOOLERS.
YEAH, REALLY ...
BUT THE BEST PART WAS THAT GIRL WHO WON!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SUCCEED ME IN MY BUSINESS?! HOW DARE YOU--YOU FAILURE!
D--DAD!
I CAN'T LET MY PRESTIGIOUS RESTAURANT JUST CLOSE ITS DOORS--NOT AFTER FOUR GENERATIONS!
CH--CHIEF, I BEG OF YOU!
IT'S NOT RIGHT TO TIE UP HIS FUTURE LIKE THAT.
MR. TOME ...

FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT! ♡
CHOP! TUP!
CHOP TUP!
I WONDER WHY...
...SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY...
TIME'S UP!
.....
AND THE FINAL RESULTS ...
!!
!!
THE WINNER IS MASAKI!
.....
!

BE CAREFUL, RYOKO. THAT'S THE TROPHY CUP.
I KNOW.
W-- WAIT!
huff puff
WHAT DO YOU THINK? NICE PICTURE, EH?
IT'S ONE OF THOSE SO-CALLED DECISIVE MOMENTS.
OF COURSE, IT'S A PICTURE THAT WASHU MADE IN PHOTOSHOP!
HMPH! THIS PICTURE PROVES NOTHING!
IT DOESN'T NEED TO-- IT'S NOT FOR THE GAME SHOW PEOPLE.
JUST ...
HUH?! WHEN DID YOU ...!

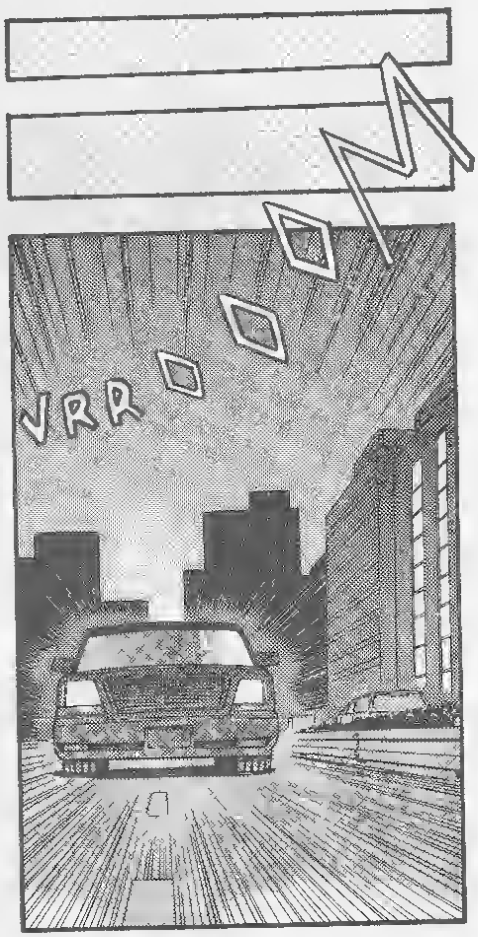
DON'T BE AN IDIOT!
KAZUMA WILL TAKE OVER THE RESTAURANT! IT IS HIS LIFE PATH, JUST LIKE IT WAS MINE!
SLAM
Y-- YOUNG MASTER!
tmp tmp tmp tmp tmp
!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
HELLO!
I REALLY HATE TO DO THIS KIND OF THING, BUT...
FWIP

JUST TELL ME ONE THING.
HOW DO YOU DO IT?
HOW CAN YOU COOK SO...SO HAPPILY?
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE I'M THINKING OF THE NICE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO EAT IT, OF COURSE!
AND BECAUSE I LOVE TO COOK ITSELF.
YOU LOOKED HAPPY WHILE YOU WERE COOKING, TOO. ♡
BUT YOU KNOW...
tee hee

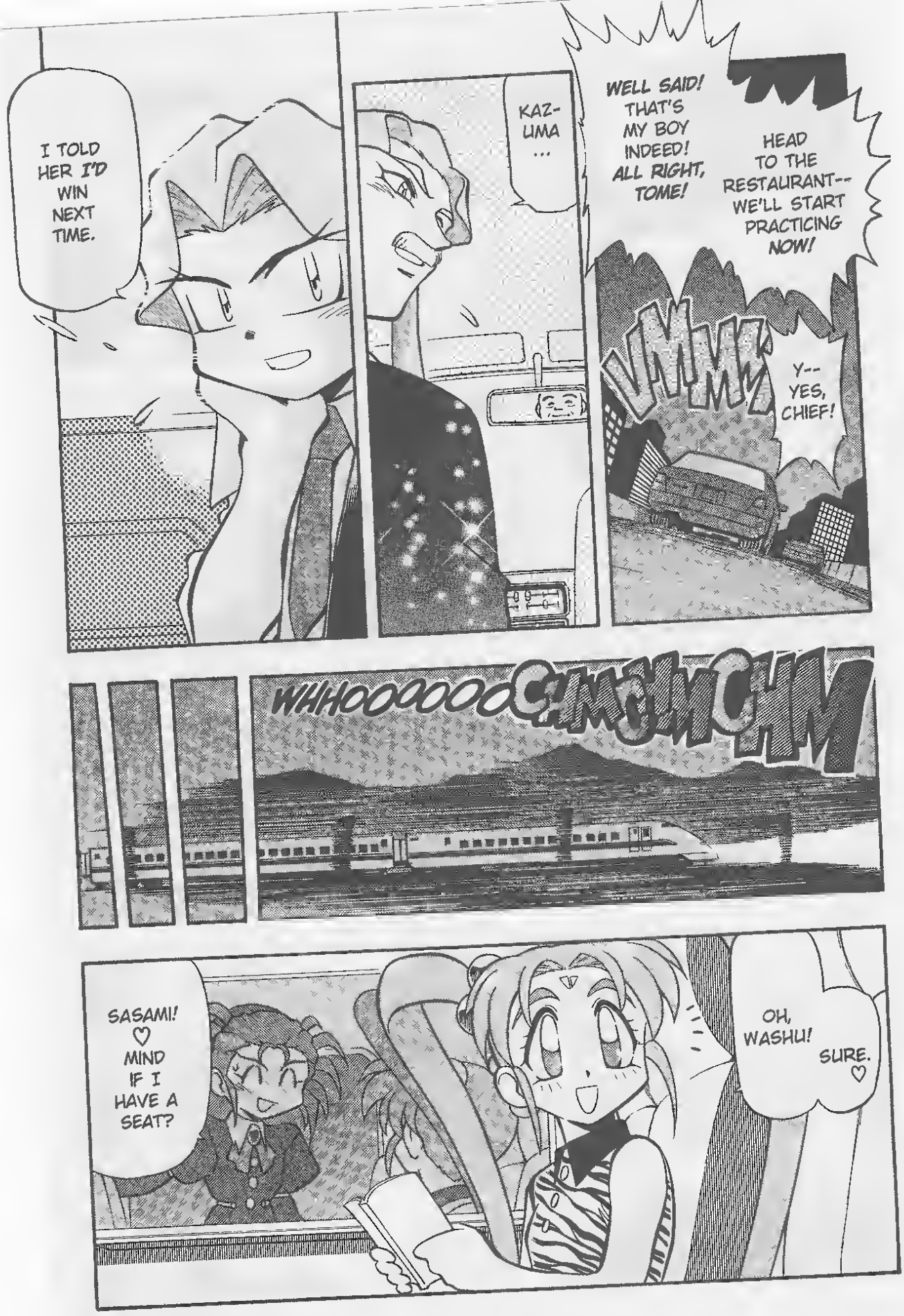
"TOME"... WAS IT? WOULD YOU MIND TASTING THIS?
IT'S OKAY-- IT'S NOT POISON OR ANY-THING. ♡
TH-- THIS IS...!
THAT'S RIGHT... THE DREADED MSG!
.....
FORTU-NATELY, SASAMI NOTICED AND DIDN'T USE IT.
IF SHE HAD, SHE MIGHT HAVE LOST-- FOOD JUDGES HATE MIGRAINES!

THERE'S NO STOPPING ME NEXT TIME!

CHILDREN AREN'T PUPPETS ON THEIR PARENTS' STRINGS...


VRROOOM

I LOOKED ... HAPPY?
WHO ... ME?
mmmmm
SO LET'S COOK TOGET-HER AGAIN.
I'LL BE THE TITLE HOLDER NEXT TIME! ♡
heh
YEAH ...


I TOLD HER I'D WIN NEXT TIME.
KAZ-UMA ...
WELL SAID! THAT'S MY BOY INDEED! ALL RIGHT, TOME!
HEAD TO THE RESTAURANT-- WE'LL START PRACTICING NOW!
VMMM
Y-- YES, CHIEF!
WHOOO

Vmmm
.....
ahem
.....
SAY, DAD...
HMM?
YES, WHAT IS IT?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT GIRL SASAMI WAS AMAZING?
I THOUGHT THAT I WAS GOING TO WIN, AND IT WASN'T JUST CONCEIT...I HADN'T GONE THROUGH YOUR RIGOROUS TRAINING FOR NOTHING.
SO, DAD...
CAN WE STUDY HARDER, SO CAN I COMPETE AGAIN?

YOU'RE A GREAT KID, SASAMI...
BUT MORE THAN THAT--
YOU'RE A STRONG KID. ♡
LATER...
HO, HO, HO, HO, HO!
NOW WHAT'S GOING ON?
HO, HO!
HO, HO, HO! WORLD'S GREATEST!
VROOM
JUST YOU WAIT!
UM.. THAT DIRECTOR CALLED BACK. HE WANTED RYOKO FOR A TV SPECIAL...
...CALLED "WORLD'S GREATEST HUMAN DISASTERS II"...
TO BE CONTINUED...

I GUESS THEY BRING THEIR MAYHEM WITH THEM, HUH?
HAHA
C'MON, TENCHI-- HAVE A DRINK!
CUT IT OUT, RYOKO!
.....
SASAMI ...
HMM?
DID YOU CONSIDER USING THAT MSG CARROT-- PRETENDING NOT TO NOTICE?
OH COME ON, WASHU.
YOU TOLD ME YESTER-DAY...
...THAT IF I GAVE IN TO PITY IT WOULD HURT US BOTH...
GOOD GIRL, SASAMI ...
I JUST DID MY BEST.
tee hee

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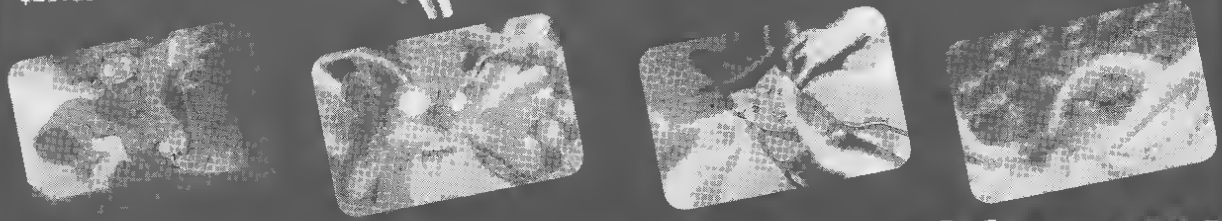

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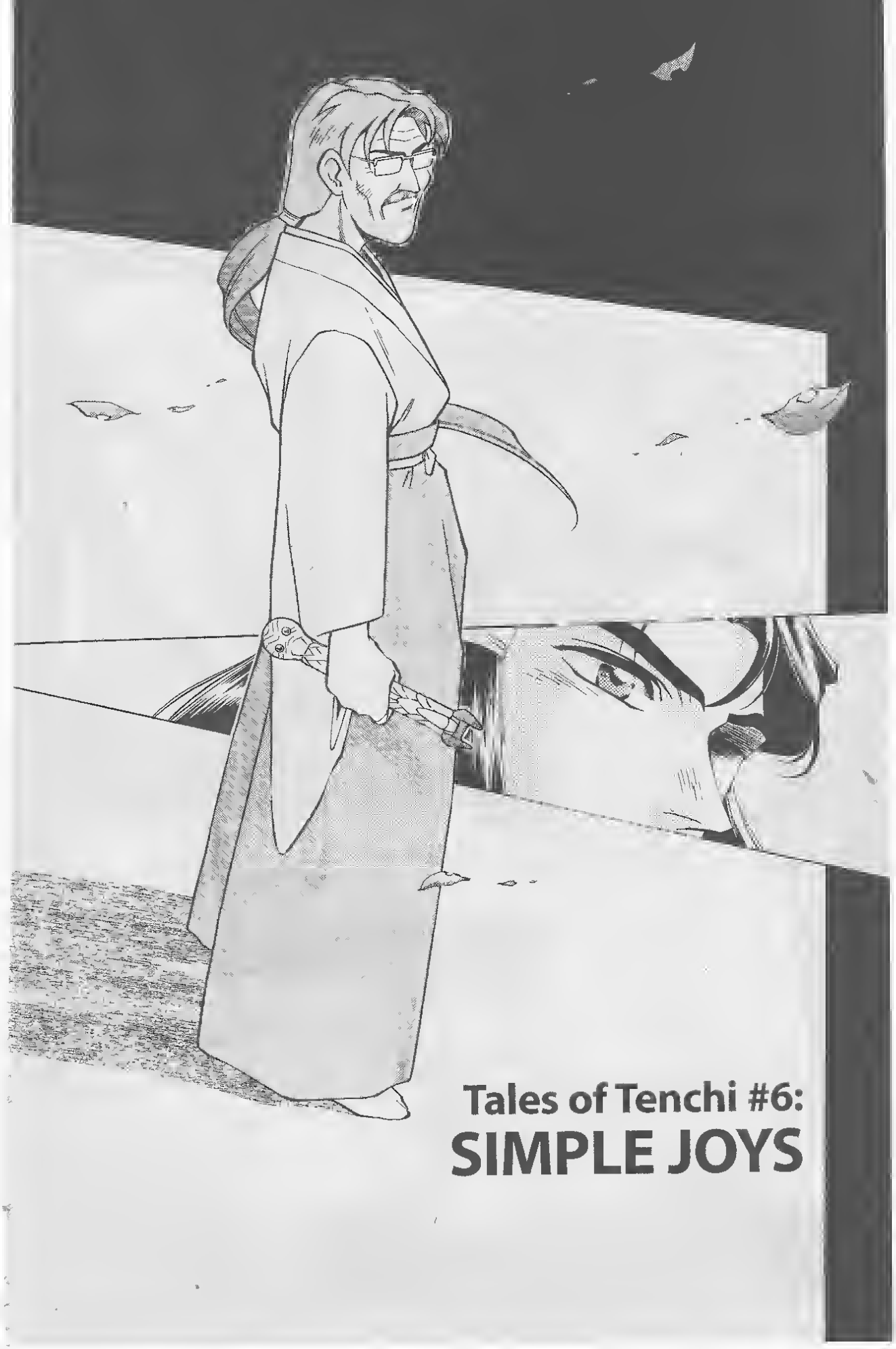
MY NAME IS YOSHO.
MORE THAN 700 YEARS AGO, I CAME TO THIS WORLD FROM A DISTANT PLANET--JURAI.
MY MISSION: APPREHEND RYOKO, THE INFAMOUS SPACE PIRATE.
AFTER AN INTENSE BATTLE, I WAS ABLE TO SEAL RYOKO AWAY-- BUT MY SHIP, FUNAHO, WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO LEAVE EARTH.



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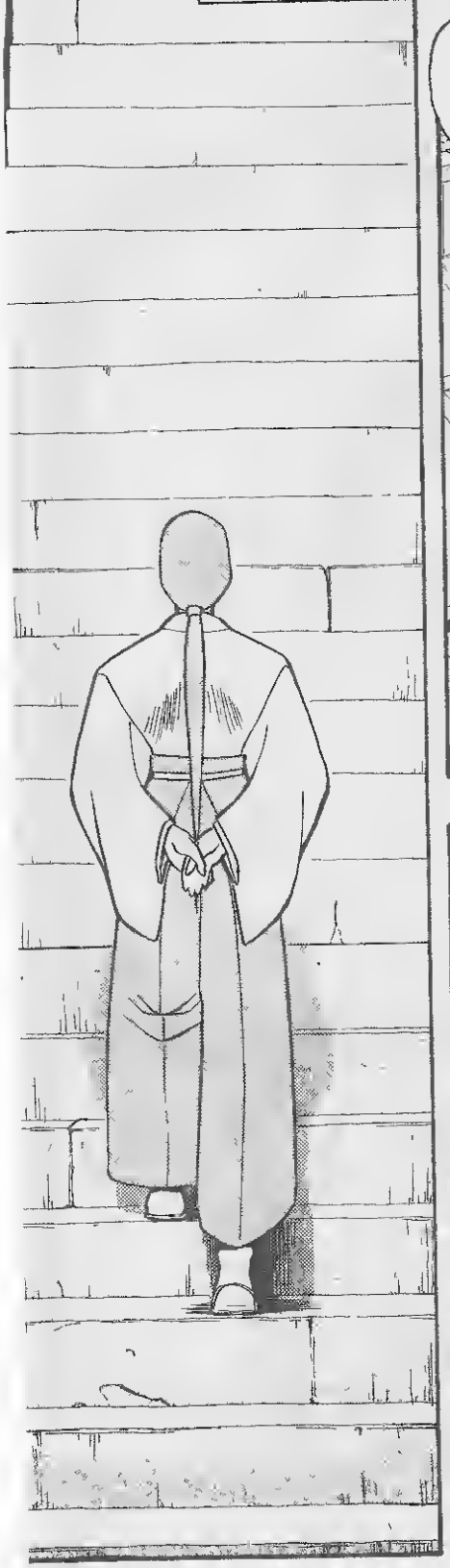
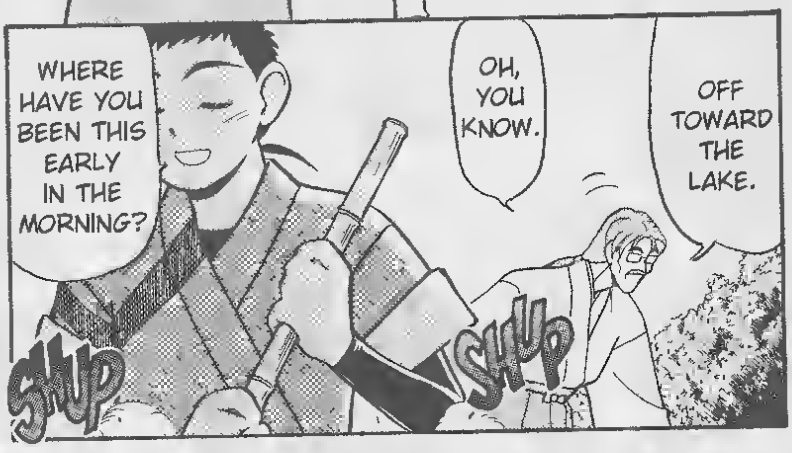
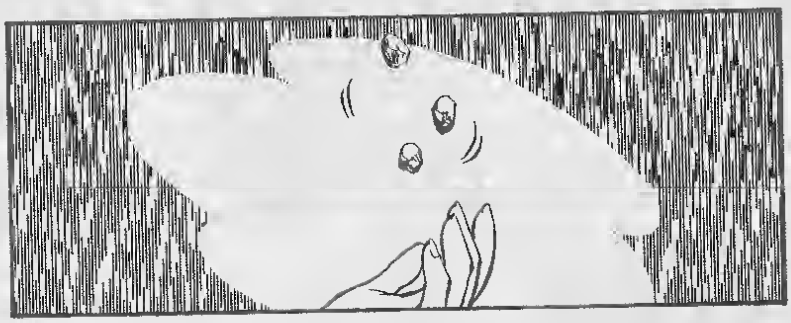
SIMPLE JOYS

...AS AUTUMN COMES ONCE AGAIN TO MY SECOND HOME...





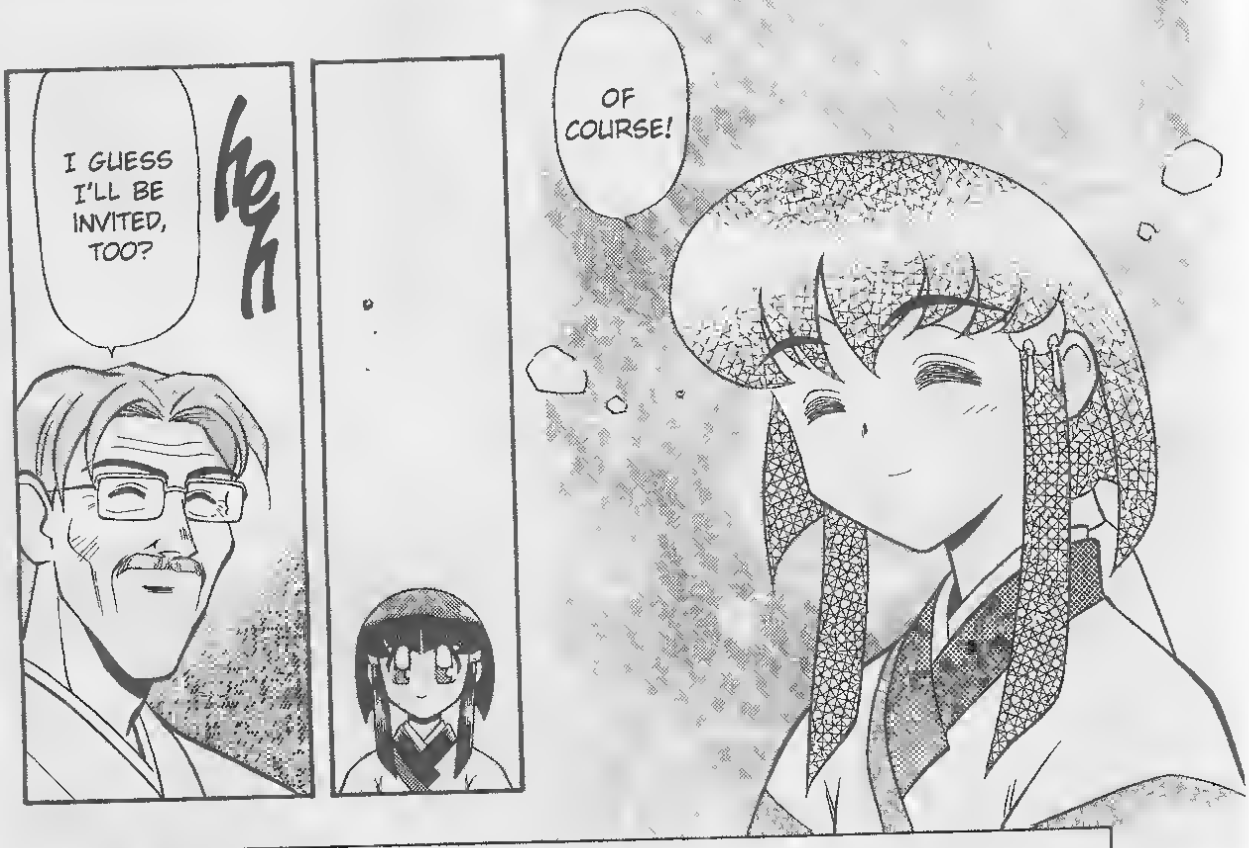


HAVING LOST THE MEANS TO RETURN HOME--
OR PERHAPS USING THAT AS AN EXCUSE--
I MADE THE MOST OF MY LIFE HERE.
I CHANGED MY NAME TO MASAKI KATSUHITO...
AND 700 YEARS PASSED.
I KNEW THAT RYOKO HAD HER EYES
SET ON MY GRANDSON, TENCHI.
SENSING A CHANGE WITHIN HER,
I ALLOWED THEIR ENCOUNTER.
AFTERWARDS, AS IF THE BREAKING OF RYOKO'S SEAL
WAS A SIGNAL, WOMEN BEGAN TO FALL IN LOVE WITH TENCHI--
GATHERING AT THE MASAKI HOUSE...
...AND BEGINNING A STORY ALL THEIR OWN.
Shh
THE ROYAL TREE WHICH BEARS MY MOTHER'S
NAME QUIETLY WATCHES OVER THEM...

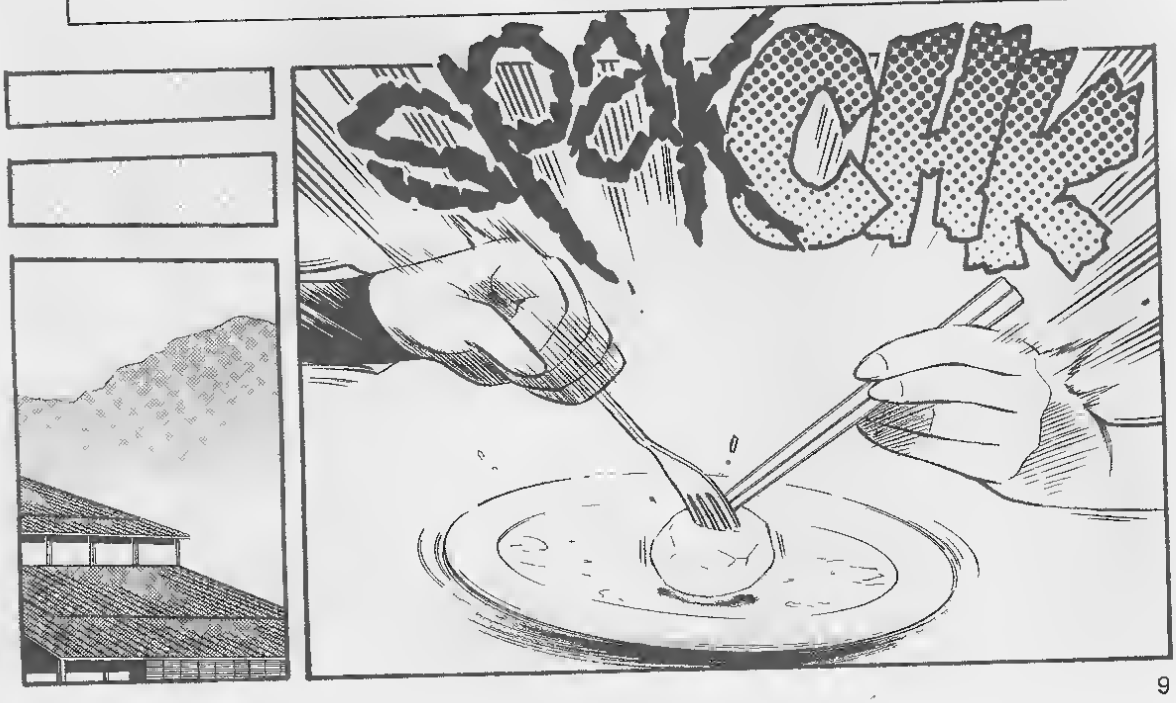
GOOD MORNING, BROTHER YOSHO!
GOOD MORNING.
LORD TENCHI, HOW IS *YOUR* MORNING?
AYEKA, WHY ARE *YOU* HERE? IT'S *MY* TURN TO SWEEP THE YARD TODAY.
WELL, WE *KNOW* THAT BROTHER YOSHO ALWAYS EATS HIS MORNING MEAL ALONE...
...BUT SASAMI SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE BREAKFAST *TOGETHER* SOMETIMES.
I SEE!
HMM... WELL THEN.

WHIP
WHIP
shoo
YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER.
HMM.
HEH, HEH!
I TAKE THAT BACK!
BONK!
OW!
YOU STILL HAVE FAR TO GO.

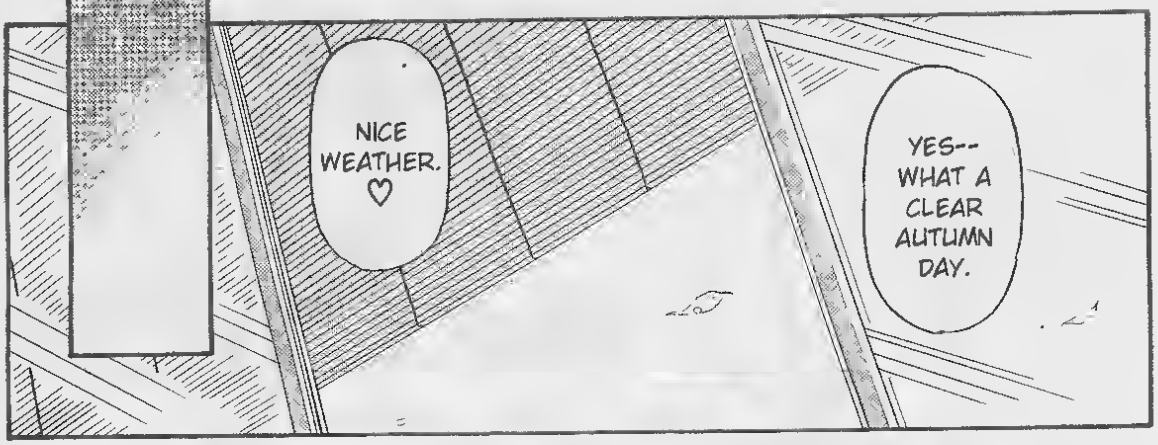
MINE! GIT YOUR PAWS OFF IT!
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR
I HAD IT FIRST AND YOU KNOW IT!
WHAT?!
...I'LL JUST TAKE IT. ♡
NOW, NOW-- LET'S COMPROMISE, AND...
SLURP
SLURP



MY HALF SISTER *AYEKA*, WITH WHOM I SHARE A FATHER, HAS GROWN COMFORTABLE WITH HER LIFE HERE ON EARTH. BEING WITH TENCHI HAS TAUGHT HER *SIMPLER* WAYS... AND ALTHOUGH SHE IS THE FIRST PRINCESS OF THE JURAI ROYAL FAMILY, I FEEL SHE HAS BECOME *LIBERATED* FROM THE CONFINES OF THAT LIFE.



AHHHH...
IT IS A NICE PLANET-- SO FULL OF ROM-ANTICISM.
NOT LOGICAL, BUT NICE ALL THE SAME. ♡
THAT'S SO TRUE-- IN WINTER, WE WATCH THE SNOW FALL...
...IN SPRING THERE ARE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS... AND COME FALL THERE'S--
MOON-LIGHT SAKE AND SWEET DUMP-LINGS. RYO
WHAT'S THAT YUMMY MAPLE-SOMETHING? SA
GRATED MAPLE! ♡ MI
AUTUMN IS ALL ABOUT FOOD!? TEN
hmmm
DID YOU COME TO EARTH TO EAT? TEN
!!
aha!
?
WE COULD GO SEE THE MAPLES CHANGING COLOR!
LET'S DO IT!


NICE WEATHER. ♡
YES-- WHAT A CLEAR AUTUMN DAY.

JURAI AUTUMNS ARE NICE, BUT I LIKE AUTUMNS ON EARTH, TOO.
YES...

OH, *YEAH.*
HERE, THE MOUNTAINS TURN ALL RED AND PRETTY-- NOT LIKE ON *MY* PLANET. ♡

MIHOSHI, DO YOU KNOW *WHY* THEY TURN RED?
HUH?

THERE WAS A BIG BATTLE HERE A LONG TIME AGO, AND THE *BLOOD* OF THE *WARRIORS* WHO DIED TURNS THE MOUNTAIN TREES *RED* IN AUTUMN.
YEEK!
HEY, HEY, *HEY!*

OFF TO TEACH TENCHI? HAVE A NICE ONE!
RYOKO ...
ah!
!
WHAT WAS THAT SMIRK?
I DON'T LIKE IT!
SORRY.
IT'S JUST THAT...
WELL, I'VE NOTICED THAT YOUR EXPRESSIONS HAVE GOTTEN KINDER-- COMPARED TO HOW YOU WERE BEFORE...

WIFF WIFF
WIFF WIFF
PHEW ...
GRAND-PA'S LATE.
IT'S PAST TIME FOR TODAY'S LESSON.
YO!

RYOKO...EVEN YOU, WHO ONCE FOUGHT A *LIFE-OR-DEATH* BATTLE WITH ME, HAVE COME TO LOVE TENCHI...AND LOVE CHANGES *EVERYTHING*, DOESN'T IT?

I'M SURE THAT YOU WERE THE ONE *MOST* SURPRISED AT THAT! BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S *ALL* ALL RIGHT...

gaaah!
D-- DON'T BE ABSURD, YOSHO!
WE COULD SETTLE OUR BATTLE FROM 700 YEARS AGO RIGHT HERE AND NOW, YOU KNOW!
huh
huh
WEREN'T YOU HERE TO TELL ME SOMETHING?
OH!
THIS IS STUPID!
HMPH! FOR-GET IT.
SASAMI ASKED ME TO TELL TENCHI.
THEY'RE READY FOR THE MAPLE VIEWING PARTY.

PHEW! THAT WAS FUN. ♡
WASHU, WHAT IS THAT?
OH THIS?
WASHU'S SPECIAL KARAOKE JUDGING MACHINE, "THE ZAP-O-RAMA-VI"! ♡
ZAP
JUDGING IN PROGRESS
BEEPBEEPBEEP
IF YOUR SCORE IS LESS THAN SIXTY...
Pi-ring!
51
ZZZZOT!
!?
I GUESS THAT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS FOR A SONG BY AN EX-DEMON!
HOHOHOHO
SZZT
SZZT
SZZT
OKAY! IT'S A LITTLE EARLY, BUT THE STAR'S READY TO GO ON... ♡
PING

BUM
CHIKKA
BOOM
Ta-Da!

LOOK GRANDPA, THERE THEY ARE!
OH, TENCHI! ♡
SOB SOB! SOB SOB SOB! SOB!
SORRY WE'RE A BIT LATE.
AW, WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU!
H-HEY, HEY!
WHAT ABOUT ME?
tink tink
OW! HOT!
SLRPP
YUM
GULP!
OH... THANK YOU.
HERE YOU GO, BROTHER. ♡
CHEW!
BEER

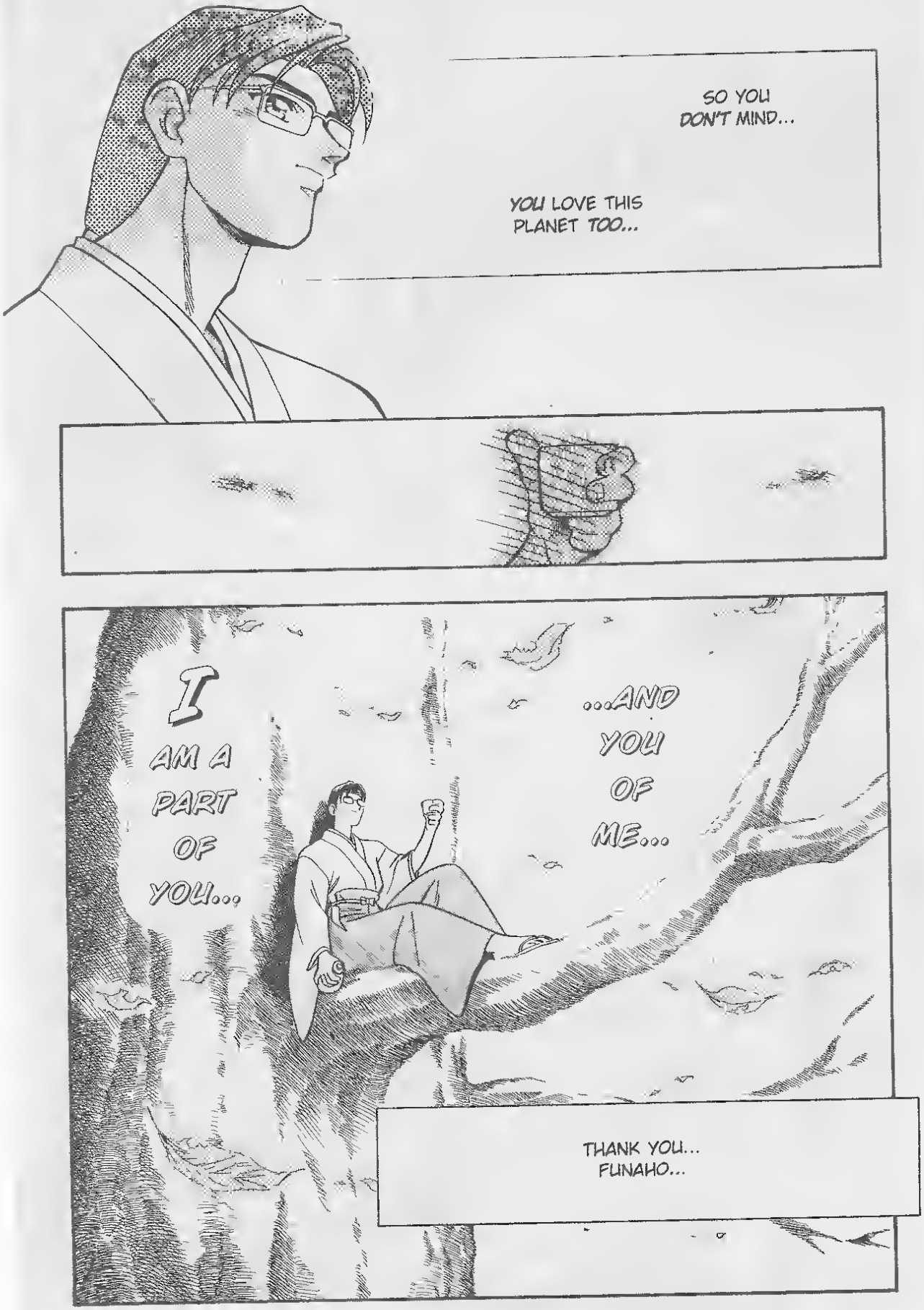
NOW, SIT BACK AND LET MY BRILLIANCE TEACH YOU "THE SOUL OF SONG"!
47 POINTS
FLOZZ
AHHH!
STUPID MACHINE! STUPID MACHINE!
HEY! WE AGREE ON SOME-THING-- FOR THE FIRST TIME!
STOP IT!

SHAAAA
shshhh
.....

HMM... FRIED MAPLE LEAVES-- A NICE TOUCH!
THE RED COLOR OF THE LEAVES MAKES YOU CONSCIOUS OF THE SEASON.
SURE.
HAVE A DRINK, DAD.
HMM! I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT THE SACRED TREE DOESN'T TURN COLOR! HOW ODD.
EVEN IF IT HAS TAKEN ROOT ON EARTH, FUNAHO STILL HAS THE SPECIAL POWERS OF A ROYAL TREE.
SO IT'S NOT ODD AT ALL.
.....
OHHH
FUNAHO...

I LOVE THIS PLANET, THE PLACE WHERE MY MOTHER FUNAHO WAS BORN.
BUT I WANT YOU TO REALIZE ONE THING...
MY CHILDREN-- THEY LAUGH AND PLAY HERE. I WANT TO LIVE WITH THIS LAND.
SKREE
KRR
!
ZEEE

YOU KNOW, FUNAHO ...


SO YOU DON'T MIND...
YOU LOVE THIS PLANET TOO...
I AM A PART OF YOU...
...AND YOU OF ME...
THANK YOU... FUNAHO...

A VISION?! FUNAHO--AWASH IN COLORED LIGHT?!
YOU'RE LETTING ME SEE THIS, AREN'T YOU...?

NO NEED FOR TENCHI! FAN ART SELECTION

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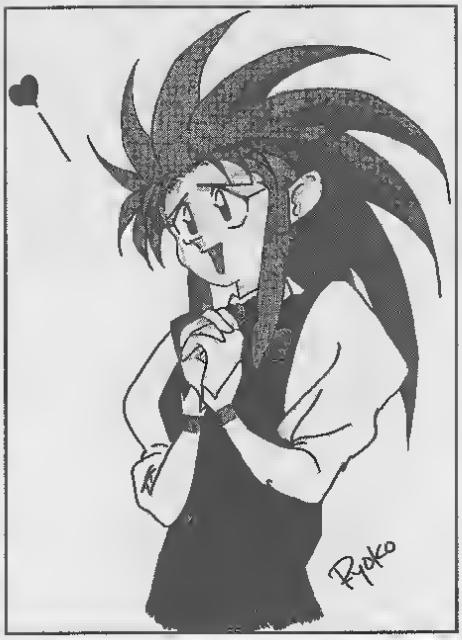

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THE GREAT NO NEED FOR TENCHI! FAN ART CONTEST!

An editorial page in the back of **No Need For Tenchi!**? "No way!" you're thinking. "What's next—a letter column?"

Well, not quite. We were cleaning out our desks around the Viz offices and we found four unused **Tenchi Muyô!** mousepads (see picture). The mousepads weren't doing any good where they were—a Pikachu was using one of them for nesting material—so we decided to return them to the community by giving them away to **No Need For Tenchi!** readers.

In order to decide who gets the mousepads, we've decided to ask for your fan art. It's good for filling out those lonely pages at the back of the comic and we want to encourage creativity from manga readers everywhere. So, the four best pieces of fan art that we receive before March 31, 2000 will be printed in the comic (we'll print all the runners-up, too) and we'll send mousepads to each of the winners. Keep in mind that "best" in this contest is very subjective and doesn't depend necessarily on actual drawing quality (though that'll certainly be a factor for at least some of the winners). "Best Hypothetical Situation?" "Funniest Joke?" "Best Crossbreed of Ryo-oh-ki With Another Character?"

Please send your submissions to:

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A few rules: since this is a black and white comic, please send black and white drawings. Please make all e-mail submissions 300 DPI. Originals cannot be returned unless you e-mail us and specifically ask us to do so, so copies are generally better. No bigger than 8.5" x 11". And *no tracing!* (At least, make it different enough that we don't notice.) Remember, the deadline is the end of March.

Well... now it's back to outer space, to our satellite where the **No Need For Tenchi!** comic is edited. To inspire you, we've printed some **No Need For Tenchi!** fan art which was in **Animerica**'s fan art files. We know it's morally questionable to move fan art around from one magazine to the other, so we hope this doesn't bug anybody who was hoping on having their work printed in **Animerica**. Anyway, if it does bug you, you've got our e-mail address, so let us know! We're looking forward to seeing your artwork.

See you next month,

Jason

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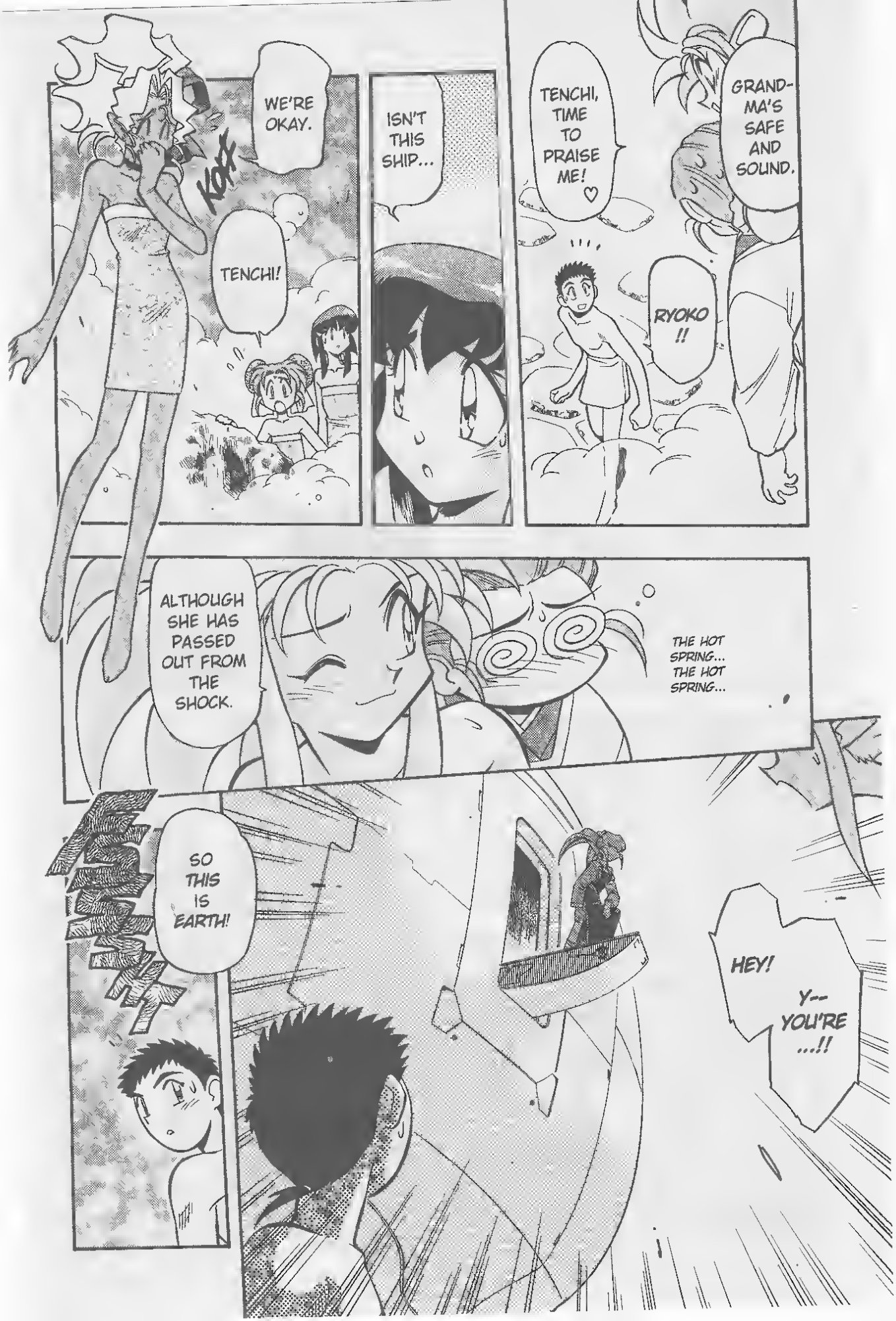
RYOKO, COULD YOU CATCH RYO-CHAN?!
GIVE IT UP.
MYEOW!!
THE PEEPING TOM (READ: DAD) ISN'T HERE THIS TIME, SO I CAN RELAX. ♡
TENCHI-KUN IS TAKING IT EASY IN THE MEN'S BATH.
HOW'S THE WATER?

Tales of Tenchi #7:
PETTY ANNOYANCES

RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
WH-WH-WHAT THE HELL?!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
WASHU, WHAT'S GOING ON...?!
AND WHERE'S EVERYONE ELSE?! IS ANYONE HURT?

AUTUMN IS ENDING, AND AT LAST THE TREES ARE BARE. AS THE DAYS GROW COLDER, WE'VE DECIDED TO VISIT MY GREAT AUNT'S HOT SPRINGS.
OOH! ♡
THANKS!
I'D BEEN TOLD YOU HAD *TWO MORE* COMING-- DID SOMEONE STAY HOME?
THAT'S GOOD.
OH, IT'S PERFECT!
...COME --HMM?!
SHEEEEEEEE
OH, I'M SURE THEY'LL ...

YUME!
WHOA! GRANDMA!
HMM?
WELL, WELL-- IT'S WASHU'S DAUGHTER.
WHY THE HELL ARE YOU HERE?
I CAME ALL THIS WAY BECAUSE WASHU TOLD ME TO! "THERE'S AN INTERESTING EVENT--YOU SHOULD COME," SHE SAID.
THAT'S SOME WAY TO SAY "HI"!
HOW COULD YOU!
NOW, NOW-- DON'T BE SO UPTIGHT.
LADY WASHU! SHE'S THE VERY PERSON WHO CAUSED AN UNPREC-EDENTED CRISIS IN THIS GALAXY!
JUST KEEP IN MIND...

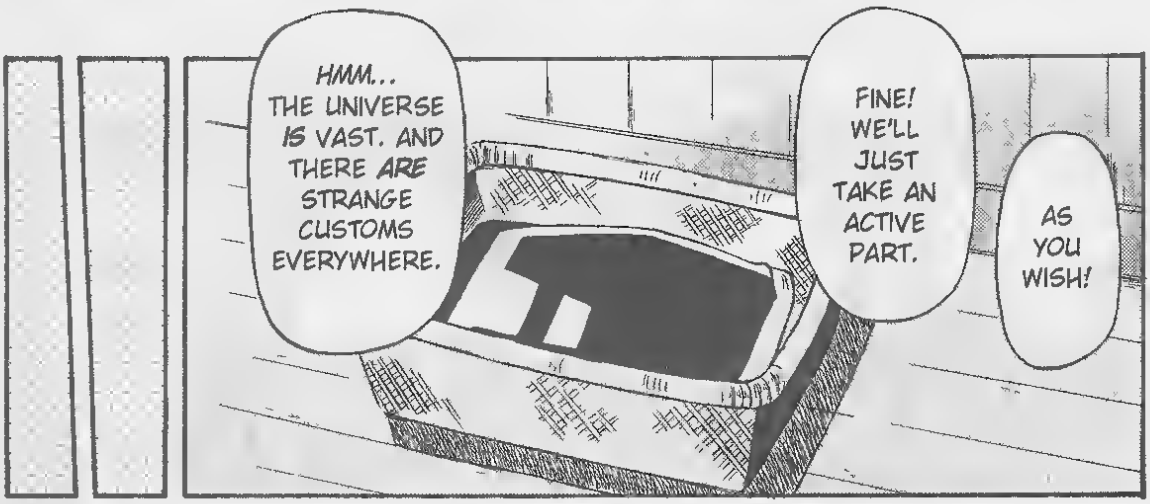

WE'RE OKAY.
KOFF
TENCHI!
ISN'T THIS SHIP...
TENCHI, TIME TO PRAISE ME! ♡
GRAND-MA'S SAFE AND SOUND.
RYOKO !!
ALTHOUGH SHE HAS PASSED OUT FROM THE SHOCK.
THE HOT SPRING... THE HOT SPRING...
SO THIS IS EARTH!
HEY!
Y-- YOU'RE ...!!

COOL! YOU'VE GOT IT BACK TO NORMAL!
OF COURSE. WE UTILIZED THE 3D HOLO-GRAPHIC MODEL YOU GAVE US...
SAFETY FIRST
THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK, EVERY-ONE!
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, SASAMI.
BUT I GUESS WASHU DESERVES THE MOST CREDIT-- FOR ACCURATELY MEMORIZING THE PRECISE LOOK AND FEEL OF THE HOT SPRINGS!
HAHAHA
YOU MAY PRAISE ME MORE!

...YOU'LL HAVE TO BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR, YUME! ♡
?
THERE WE GO...
BEEP!
BOOP!
COULD YOU REMOVE THAT HEAD BAND?
BEEP!
BEEP!
BOOP!
WHAT IS IT?
?
ALL THOSE PESKY MEMORIES OF YUME'S ARRIVAL...
IF SHE WERE TO FIND OUT WHO WE ARE, I'M NOT SURE SHE'D TAKE IT TOO WELL-- CONSIDERING HER AGE AND ALL.

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT!
YOU'RE GOING IN?! IT'S UNSANITARY! HEY!!
YOU'RE TELLING ME, THE FAMED GENIUS, TO TAKE SUCH UNSCIENTIFIC ACTIONS...?! WASHU, ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
SURE I AM! IT'S THE CUSTOM ON THIS PLANET. THEY SAY, "WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS DO."
SHWIP
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YUME? YOU'RE GOING IN, TOO. ♡
WASHU!!
YOU --!

YOU HAVE A RATHER FLAT CHEST.
LEAVE ME ALONE!
I HAVE THIS BODY BECAUSE I LIKE IT. BESIDES, WHO ARE YOU TO TALK?


HMM... THE UNIVERSE IS VAST. AND THERE ARE STRANGE CUSTOMS EVERYWHERE.
FINE! WE'LL JUST TAKE AN ACTIVE PART.
AS YOU WISH!

BUT HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO PROCURE THIS MUCH ROCK AND HOT WATER?
A SIMPLE HYPERSPACE LINK TO THE PLANET ABASON. YOU KNOW HOW SIMILAR THEIR MOLECULAR DISTRIBUTION IS TO EARTH'S...
NOW THAT IT'S ALL FIXED...
SAKE
LET'S HOP BACK IN!!
HEY, RYOKO! NO FAIR JUMPING THE GUN!
grrrrrrr
FIRST IN! ♡
SAKE
WHAT !?

SHEEEEOOO
SPLOSH!
H...
HUH?
Tok Tak Tak Tak Tok Tok

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE TO BE THUS TREAT-ED?
OR IS THIS PART OF THE RITUAL, JURAI PRINCE?
HA HA...

OH, THERE YOU ARE...
IT'S THE CUSTOM TO DISROBE, RIGHT?
SHUT UP, ALREADY!
YOU'RE TURNING MY DRINK SOUR.
GREAT. BATHING WITH A MASTER CRIMINAL WHO PLOTTED TO CONQUER JURAI BECAUSE OF A DRINKING MATCH!
!!
SO ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DO BEFORE YOU ENTER?
YOU PERFORM A RITUAL TO CLEANSE THE BODY WITH WARM WATER, MASTER YUME.
E...
Y-E-E...
?
WHAT IS THE MATTER, JURAI PRINCESS?

SO YOU SEE...
BY IMMERSING YOURSELF IN WARM WATER, YOU IMPROVE YOUR CIRCULATION AND GET CLEAN.
YOU CAN ADJUST YOUR CIRCULATION FAR BETTER WITH PHARMACEUTICALS, AND YOU CAN SANITIZE YOURSELF WITH CLEANSERS...

THAT KIND OF TECH HASN'T GONE MAINSTREAM HERE.
AND, BESIDES-- IT'S THE EARTH MENTALITY! LEARN TO ROUGH IT A LITTLE!

I SEE... SO THIS RESEMBLES THE BEHAVIOR THAT THE *DOLIDOS* SHOW ON PLANET ABASON, WHERE THEY IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN NATURAL WARM WATER SPRINGS.
I'D CERTAINLY EXPECT SOMETHING MORE SOPHISTICATED-- A *MINIMAL* AMOUNT OF TECHNOLOGY-- ON EARTH...
HMPH! HOW PRIMITIVE!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!
YUME! WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION ARE YOU GIVING HISHIMA?!
BLAH-BLAH
AS A WOMAN, YOU SHOULD BE MORE MODEST AND...
BLAH
HEY! ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?!
YOUR WRINKLES SHOW WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY.
SHRIEK!
I DON'T SEE MIHOSHI AROUND...
SHE'S LOOKING AFTER TENCHI'S GREAT-AUNT.
THE OLD LADY'S PRETTY DELICATE, IF SHE JUST FAINTS AWAY LIKE THAT.
BUT NOW I CAN DRINK IN PEACE-- WITHOUT ANY DISAPPROVING LOOKS!

OF COURSE I KNOW.
HOW RUDE!
ARE YOU TELLING ME THE WASHU DOESN'T KNOW?
THE DOUDOS...! OF PLANET ABASON?!
tsk tsk
THE MAMMAL CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST VICIOUS CARNIVORE IN THE UNIVERSE.
MN EE EE AAAAAAAAAA
ITS MASSIVE FORM IS MORE THAN TEN FEET TALL, AND ITS CRY...
YES, SOME-THING JUST LIKE THAT...
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

HEY, RYOKO!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SWIM IN THE BATH!
Fssssh
FOOL!
IT'S MORE FUN WHEN IT'S NOT ALLOWED! ♡

TIME FOR A DIVE!
BLUB! BLUB!
I WISH I COULD DO THAT...
YOU MUSTN'T BECOME STEEPED IN VICE!

HIC... HUH?
WAS THERE SUCH A DEEP SPOT BEFORE?

!

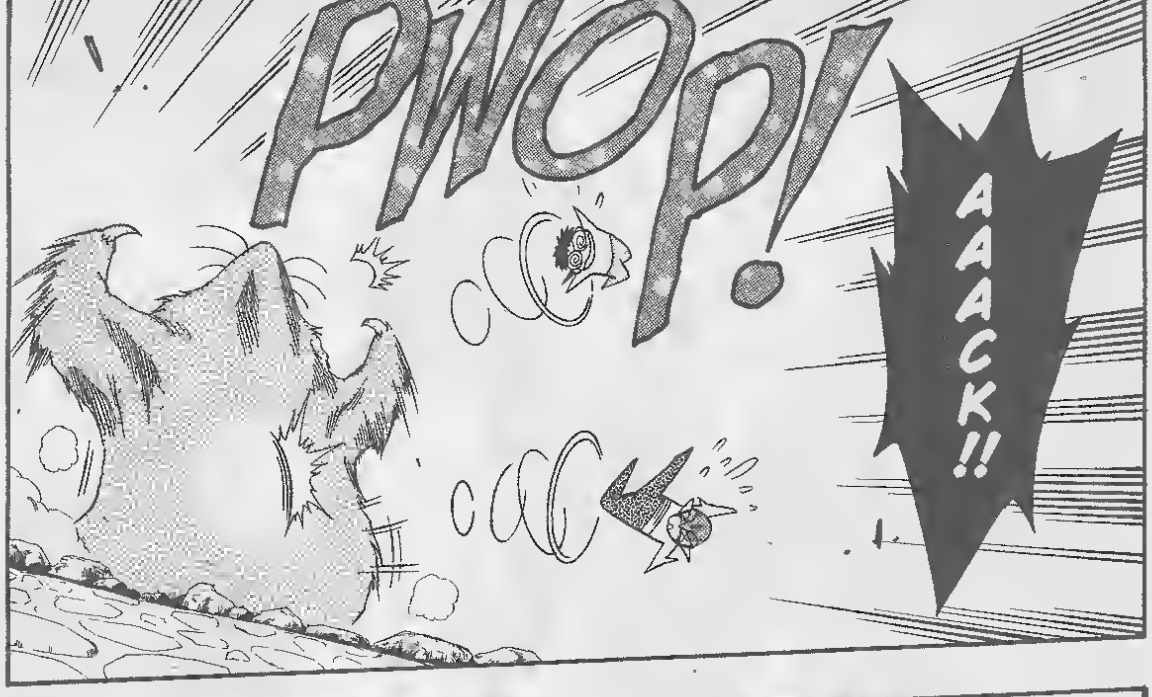
WHAT'S THAT?
Don't Touch!

SOME-
THING'S
WRONG!
WHAT
HAPPENED?!
HEY!
WHY IS
THERE A
DOLIDO
HERE?!
WELL,
YUME?!
!!
MASTER
YUME!
WH-
WHAT
THE
HELL?!

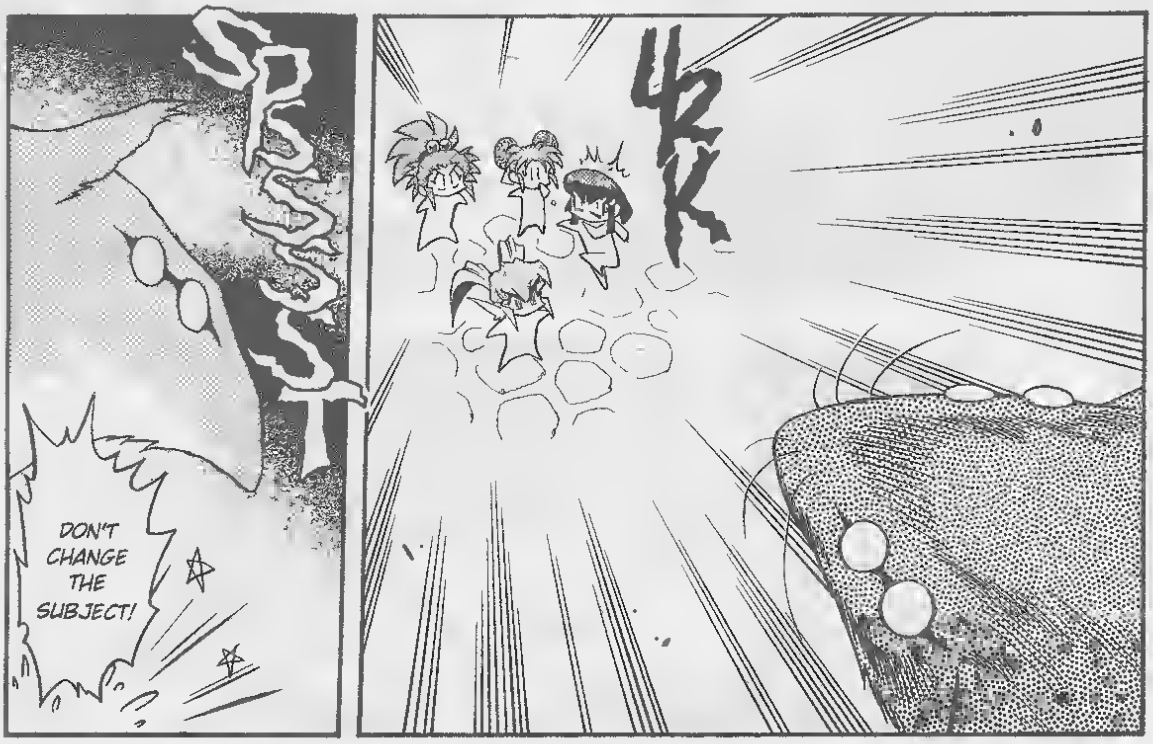
HUH?
SHEE
SHAG!

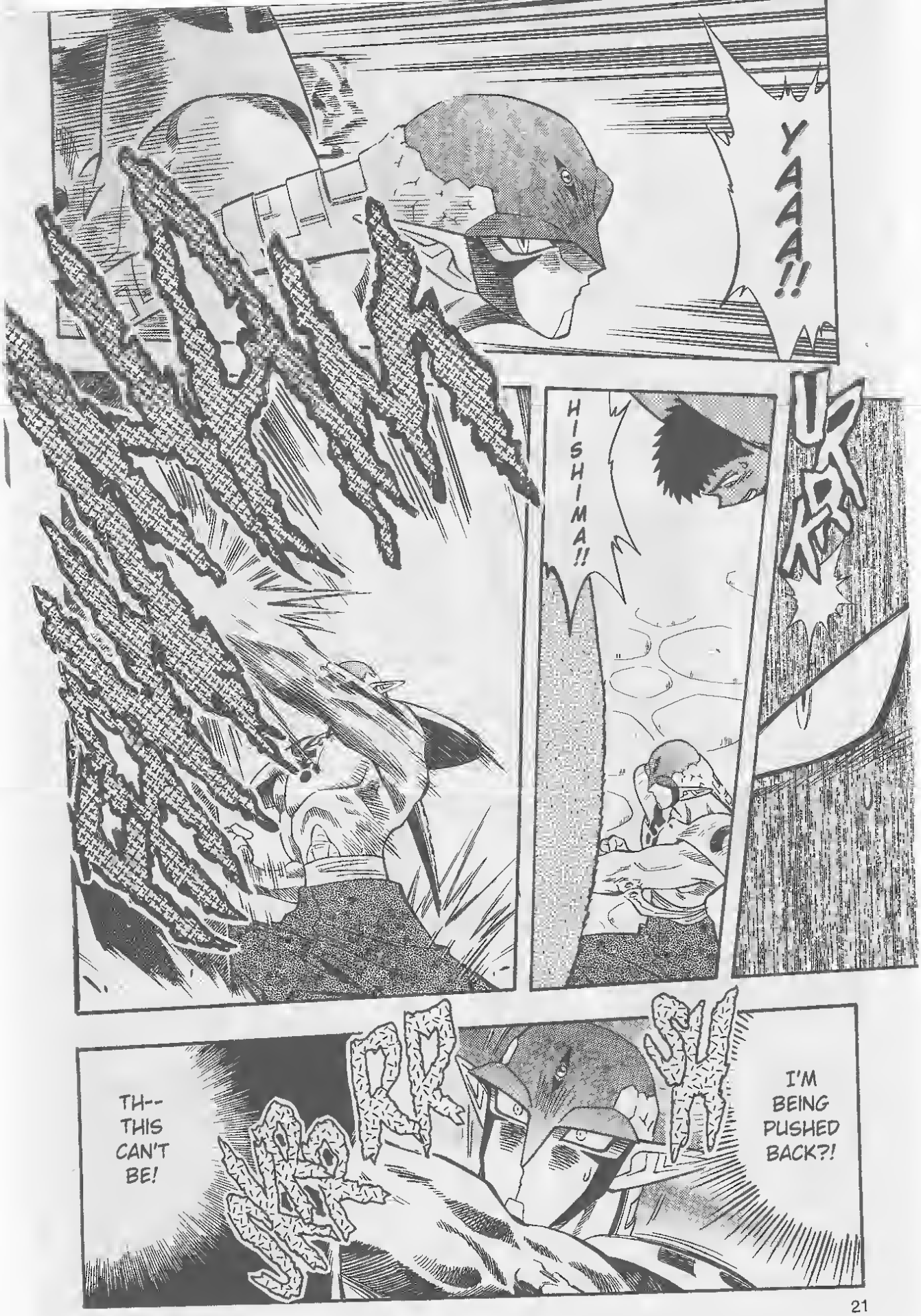
HAH!!
FWASH
HUH?!
WOW, IT STOPPED THE BLADE WITH ITS BARE HANDS!
NOW FACE ME!

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
TH...
DANGER
THAT PLUG!
WHO SAID YOU COULD PULL THAT OUT?!
IF IT SAYS "DON'T PULL," YOU'D GENERALLY PULL!
PRIME SUSPECT
WHAT IS THAT PLUG?
SOB
IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?!
IT OBSTRUCTS THE HYPERSPACE LINK CONNECTING EARTH AND ABASON. THE RIFT HADN'T SEALED YET... AND SHE...
ZAAK
OH! LORD TENCHI! ♡
TENCHI ... ♡
HISHIMA!!


PWOP!
AAACK!!

A CHILD'S MISCONDUCT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONS-IBILITY, RIGHT?
heh heh heh heh
PERHAPS IF YOU'D TAUGHT HER TO BE MORE LAW-ABIDING...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?! LORD TENCHI IS IN DANGER!


DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
YIKK

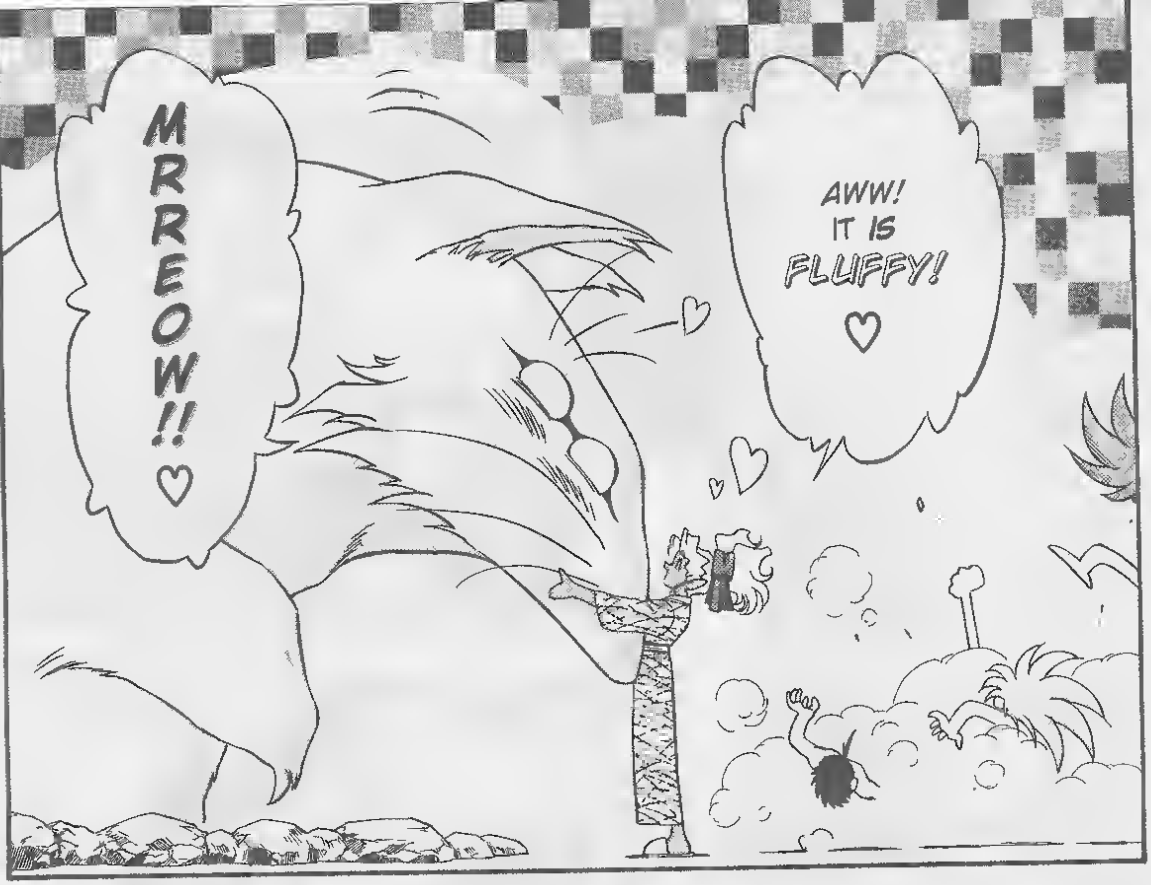

YAAA!!
HISHIMA!!
UKK
TH--
THIS
CAN'T
BE!
I'M
BEING
PUSHED
BACK?!

GRRRR
MREEEEAA AU GHH!
HUH ...?
WHAT ARE THOSE MERRY SOUNDS...?
pad pad
OVER AT THE BATHS ...?
HA! YOU'RE A LIFE-FORM WITH NOTHING BUT BRUTE STRENGTH!
TECH
TECH
TECH
TECH
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD BREAK THROUGH MY HYPER-PROTONIC INVULNERABLE COSMIC-STRING BARRIER!

OH, PLEASE!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST!
MASTER YUME!

LORD TENCHI! TRY TO DRIVE IT BACK WITHOUT HURTING IT!
(WA)
FWAM
ARE YOU NUTS? YOU'RE CONTRADICTING YOURSELF!
(TEN)
OH, MY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THAT LUXURIOUS FUR...
AND THE UN-PRINCIPLED, SAVAGE BLOWS!
THE INDISCRIMINATE VIOLENCE!

SKRKK
HUH?
UH... UM...
CHMP
GACK!! THAT'S SO UN-SCIENTIFIC!
DAMMIT! I'LL TAKE THIS ATOMIC BLASTER AND--!
KNOCK
CHAK
NO! IT'S AN ENDAN-GERED SPECIES!
MASTER YUME! LEAVE THIS TO US!
SIGH...
HIS CHARACTER DESIGN IS SO EYE-CATCHING!
HISHI-MA!


MRREOW!!
AWW! IT IS FLUFFY!

M--MIHOSHI... IS HE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS?
OH, YEAH! HE IS!
I FOUND HIM CAUGHT IN A TRAP AND SAVED HIM BACK WHEN I WAS WORKING ON THE PLANET ABASON.

ISN'T HE A CUTIE-WOOTIE?
DDDRRRRRR
THAT LOOKS LIKE A CAT TO YOU...?

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-- IT'S...
FLUFFY!!
MRP?

HERE WE GO AGAIN!
GACK!
A-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
GREGH?
SHEESH. GUESS WE HAVE TO START OVER.
I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL ONCE MORE!
?
HEY, WASHU!
WHY NOT REBUILD THIS PLACE INTO A HOT SPRING RESORT/ HYPER-TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FACILITY?
WHILE I TENDED TO MY UNCONSCIOUS GREAT AUNT, I COULD ONLY THINK ONE THING...
WE CAN'T DO THAT!
WHY NOT?
IT'S SCIENTIFIC AND COOL.
...THAT MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T COME HERE ANYMORE.
TO BE CONTINUED...

UNH ...
WHY DOES MY HEAD FEEL SO HEAVY ...?
AND WHAT'S THIS RACKET ...?
KA
DUM

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